

## SCRS Digital Innovation Initiative

### Executive Summary

#### Kick-off Meeting

On December 17th, 2019 the Society for Clinical Research Sites (SCRS) kicked off the Digital Innovation Initiative (DII). This critical initiative has been designed to help advise, educate and connect various stakeholders within the SCRS community and beyond regarding current and upcoming technology advancements and their impact on site sustainability. Primarily, the initiative will focus on technology that supports decentralized clinical trials (DCTs), and will grow to include other possible technology platforms.

**It is SCRS' mission to unify the voice of the global clinical research site community for greater site sustainability, and this initiative allows SCRS to bring our mission into the modern age.**

# 90%

The DII was developed out of direct industry need. Recent SCRS surveys conducted with several industry partners resulted in roughly 90% of respondents indicating a need for additional training and knowledge around DCTs. These surveys, coupled with industry interest from sites

and Global Impact Partner (GIP) organizations, also show that the time savings, improved patient retention rates and potential for workload decrease at the site level warrants SCRS' direct involvement and influence in this space.

#### The goals of this initiative include:

- Informing sites and industry about the evolving site landscape
- Enhancing learning opportunities for sites surrounding today's and future technology

It is critical that the initiative produces actionable outcomes and resources that support site advocacy. The work and goals of the initiative will better prepare sites to meet and exceed industry expectations surrounding DCTs and other digital innovations.

#### The Survey

After the initial DII kick-off meeting, a survey was distributed to participants for additional opportunity to provide feedback. The survey emphasized several points made during the call, including the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach that focused on not only DCTs but also digital innovations such as:



ePRO or wearables



eConsent



eRegulatory

Respondents indicated that they believe best practice documents and resources as well as white papers and tool kits will be among the most valuable outcomes from the initiative. The importance of reviewing these outcomes at various SCRS events and conferences was also highlighted, while adhering to a message of continued site sustainability. Additional survey data will be shared at the next meeting.

## **Next Steps:**

As deemed necessary, the greater DII working group will form workstreams or sub-groups focusing on specific areas within the project, allowing more focused work and outcomes. These groups will follow SCRS' initiative blueprint that prescribes meeting cadence and flow, as well as sharing results from each meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2020 where the survey findings will be discussed and the initial focus for the initiative will be further defined.

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